

The Children's Bureau (CB)
Programs to Strengthen Marriages and Families:

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES IN ORANGE COUNTY, CA

PURPOSE: This project represents a collaborative effort among child welfare services, university partners, and faith-based and community-based organizations. Project funds are used to refine, implement, and evaluate the Relationship Enhancement (RE) curriculum for building marriage skills in nine locations throughout Orange County, specifically targeting couples receiving voluntary child welfare services. It will demonstrate the effectiveness and benefits of the RE intervention for Family Maintenance Non-Court (FMNC) families. The curriculum will be offered in both English and Spanish. It is anticipated that RE will be implemented in such a way that the program can be expanded to serve an increasing number of families in Orange County and can be replicated in the child welfare systems of other States and counties.

GRANT RECIPIENT: Orange County, CA. Social Service Agency

PROJECT PERIOD: 09/30/2003 to 09/29/2006

FUNDING: \$600,000 (\$200,000 per year)